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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 3-6 and 9-24 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 2 and 7-8 are cancelled.

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chang. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection.

With regard to claim 1, Chang does not disclose or suggest,

... a processor coupled to the modem for...(d) providing a sequence of aural navigation prompts to a user, prompting the user to select time information corresponding to a section of the stored EPG data **to be extracted**...(Emphasis added).

Basis for this amendment may be found in the specification at paragraph [0042] and step (g) of claim 3, which was indicated as being allowable by the Examiner..

Chang includes a microcontroller 46 that retrieves text data from a guide memory 42, responsive to a viewer command, and routes the data to a display screen 12. (Para. [0020]). Thus, the currently displayed information in Chang **has already been extracted**. The microcontroller 46 then controls speaker 14 to announce voice messages corresponding to information which is **currently displayed** on the display screen 12. (Para. [0032] and Fig. 3). In contrast, according to the exemplary embodiment of Applicants' invention, the user is aurally prompted to select a desired time and date. (Para. [0042]). The section of EPG information corresponding to the date and time selected is then announced by the audio output. Thus, the aural prompts are for prompting the user to select time information corresponding to a section of EPG data **to be extracted** from the EPG.

Because Chang does not disclose or suggest the features of claim 15, claim 15 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of Chang.

Claims 1, 10-14, 16 and 22-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Chang and Hong et al. As described above, Chang does not disclose the features of claim 15. Hong et al. do not prompt the user to select from the EPG data. The EPG data is extracted and then displayed upon a user request. (Col. 6, lines 3-20). After the EPG data is displayed, the user manually searches through the guide and selects a desired

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program. There is no suggestion text the user may select a portion of the EPG data for display. (Col. 6, lines 37-39). Thus, Hong et al. also do not disclose "prompting the user to select time information corresponding to a section of the stored EPG data to be extracted," as recited in claim 15.

Claims 1 and 11, while not identical to claim 15, include features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 15. Thus, claims 1 and 11 are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Chang and Hong et al. for at least the same reasons as those set forth above with regard to claim 15. Claims 10 and 22 depend from claim 1, claims 12-14 and 23 depend from claim 11 and claim 16 depends from claim 15. Accordingly, claims 10, 12-14, 16 and 22-23 are also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang and Hong et al.

Claims 5 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Oh. Chang and Hong et al. are described above. Oh teaches a multiple language text-to-speech (TTS) processing apparatus capable of processing a text expressed in multiple languages. The processing apparatus includes an audio processor for converting the audio wave data converted by the text-to-speech engine portion into an analog audio signal, and a speaker for converting the analog audio signal converted by the audio processor into sound and outputting the sound. Oh does not disclose "prompting the user to select time information corresponding to a section of the stored EPG data to be extracted," as recited in claims 1 and 15.

Because Chang, Hong et al. and Oh do not disclose or suggest the features of claims 1 and 15, claims 1 and 15 are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Oh. Claim 5 depends from claim 1 and claim 20 depends from claim 15. Accordingly, claims 5 and 20 are also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Oh.

Claims 6 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Van Kommer. Chang and Hong et al. are described above. Van Kommer teaches a system of voice information diffusion through a packet-switching telecommunications network starting from a platform for an automatic voice teleservice system. The message diffused by the platform can be listened to from a plurality of terminals. The messages are transmitted through the telecommunications network in coded form, the code

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including a semantic representation of messages, and then are converted into audio signals at a network access point of the packet switching telecommunications network. Van Kommer does not disclose "prompting the user to select time information corresponding to a section of the stored EPG data to be extracted," as recited in claims 1 and 15.

Because Chang, Hong et al. and Van Kommer do not disclose or suggest the features of claims 1 and 15, claims 1 and 15 are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Van Kommer. Claim 6 depends from claim 1 and claim 21 depends from claim 15. Accordingly, claims 6 and 21 are also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Van Kommer.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Cannon et al. Chang and Hong et al. are described above. Cannon et al. teach that a user can program the user's VCR when away from home by calling the user's home telephone number and remotely interacting with the user's telephone which is adapted for programming the VCR. A telephone answering device includes an incoming call signal decoder adapted to decode a signal contained within an incoming call, and an output device adapted to output a control signal to a remotely controlled device in response to the decoded signal. Cannon et al. do not disclose "prompting the user to select time information corresponding to a section of the stored EPG data to be extracted," as recited in claim 1.

Because Chang, Hong et al. and Cannon et al. do not disclose or suggest the features of claim 1, claim 1 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Cannon et al. Claim 9 depends from claim 1. Accordingly, claim 9 is also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Cannon et al.

Applicants appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 3-4, 17-19 and 24 are allowable over the prior art.

The prior art made of record but not applied has been considered but does not affect the patentability of the invention.


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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 5-6, 9-16, and 20-23.

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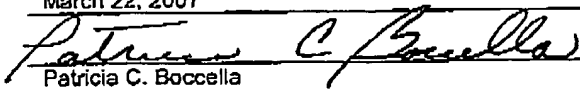
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